Law to check human trafficking

494. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to draft a new law to check human trafficking particularly exploitation of minor girls and boys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to drop "Soliciting" as an offence; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore considering prostitution is generally due to force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government proposes to amend the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, to make it more stringent for traffickers and more humane for victims.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Allocation for education and other social welfare measures

495. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for education and other social welfare measures in respect of children during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the allocation is very meagre in relation to other schemes and that even this allocation remains under-utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the allocation and issue strict guidelines for full utilization of the allocated amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The details of allocation of funds for education and other welfare sectors in respect of children during last five years is given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of the total Central Plan Outlay (BE) for the year 2004-05 which is Rs. 163720 crore the allocation for social services is Rs. 35739 crores only and allocation on schemes and programmes for children is just Rs. 4172.14 crore.

(d) and (e) Efforts are being made to ensure that the funds allocated for the schemes and programmes for children are fully utilized and that such funds are increased and not reduced.

Statement

Allocation of funds for Education and other welfare sectors in respect of children during last five years

Sector (Actual)	2000-2001	2001-2002 (RE)	2002-2003 (BE)	2003-2004 (BE)	2004-2005 (BE)
Education	4719.25	5340.67	6216.09	6637.2	7780.8
Child Development and Nutrition	1078.97	1309.99	1554.11	2128.61	1955.2
Health	97.27	80.16	972.55	727.22	1214.38
Child Protection and other	90.81	128.57	218.29	189.42	221.76

Grant for Higher Education and Scientific Research

496. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grant earmarked for higher education and scientific research in the universities and other educational and scientific organizations during the current Plan Period and that spent by way of fellowship/scholarship during the last three years;

(b) the break up of the recipients of fellowship/scholarship during the said period, gender-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to grant additional/enhanced fellowship/scholarships/stipends and special placement services to encourage more and more women to take up higher studies and scientific research in the universities; and